



St Modan's High School

Newsletter – June 2017



SCHOOL SHOW

Jack and the Beanstalk

This year's School Show "Jack in the Beanstalk" was very well received by pupils, parents and staff. After months of rehearsing, the final production came together well and pupils gave a memorable performance on both nights. Set in the 1990s Jack and the Beanstalk was written especially for St Modan's pupils and gave many of our audience members a trip down memory lane with songs such as "Don't Look Back in Anger", "Never Ever" and "Back for Good" as some of the favourite moments of the show. A school show allows pupils the opportunity to grow in confidence, develop their creativity and more importantly work together in a team. Congratulations to all who took part and supported, from the cast members, musicians, backstage, technical teams, costumes and creative. All in all, a great end to a brilliant year.



STAFFING CHANGES NEXT SESSION

Several staff moving on

We bid a fond farewell to a number of staff leaving St Modan's and wish each and every one of them all the very best for the future. Ms Nimmo leaves us (again!) from Home Economics - a huge thank you for supporting the school over this session!

In addition we wish a fond farewell to Mr MacPherson (Social), and Miss Oman (Science) who both move closer to home to spend more time with their young families.

The following staff on temporary contracts leave us for exciting pastures new: Ms Carpentier-Szlandrowiez, Ms Hamilton, Mr Murray and Dr Pepper and we wish them all good luck.

We bid farewell also to the following staff whose probationary year at St Modan's sadly comes to an end and who will soon take up posts in schools across the country and beyond; Rebecca Hutton; Connall Duffy; Olivia Gibson; Emily Gallacher; Liam Brims; John Gibson; Lauren Bircher and Natalie McElroy.

We owe each of our staff leavers an enormous debt of gratitude and thank them all for their huge contributions to the St Modan's community over the past session.

New staff

We look forward to welcoming all of our new appointments for next session. Into permanent roles come: Ms Daly (English), Mr Paterson (Biology), Ms McKerlie (Chem), Mr Swan (Music), Ms Ramsay (Home Ec), Ms Reynolds (Hist), Ms McGivern (ML), Ms Marshall (ML), Mrs Halliday and Mrs Ford (Autism Provision), Mr McGuigan (ASN). Staff joining us on a temporary basis are Ms Meyer (English) and Mr Savage (ASN). The following staff join us as probationers: Ms Scothern (Hist), Ms Longhurst (Geog), Ms Lyons (Bio), Mr Shearer (PE) and Ms Sutherland (PE).

CARITAS AWARDS

Congratulations to Madeleine Carter (S6) who successfully completed the Caritas Award for 2016/2017 and attended the very grand Awards Ceremony in the Clyde Auditorium, joining over 1000 other young people from schools all over Scotland. This award recognises 'faith-inspired action' for work carried out in schools and local communities as well as reflection on young people's faith and Liturgy. Congratulations Madeleine!

SCHOOL TRIPS

Paris, Poland, Belfast 2017

Belfast

A pleasant coach journey, followed by a smooth sail and we were in Belfast! We explored the Dry Dock and Pump House where pupils really got the opportunity to visualise the sheer size of the Titanic. Lots of questions being asked by many of our keen historians, very impressed. The Titanic Exhibition was fantastic; from viewing first to third class cabins, exploring the lifeboats and learning about the distress calls in the final hours of the Titanic's journey, it truly was an educational and exciting day for all involved.



We even managed to squeeze in time to sit outside in the sunshine, enjoy an ice-cream and listen to some live music!

Poland

In February, a number of pupils travelled to Krakow where they visited the Salt Mines, Jewish Quarter and Ghetto before travelling to Auschwitz- Birkenau concentration camp. In what was a very powerful and moving experience, pupils deepened their understanding of the Holocaust and the scale

of the Nazi atrocities. They then had the opportunity to listen to Rena Rich who had been born in the Krakow ghetto and raised in communist Poland. Pupils were finally able to spend time experiencing the culture and beauty of the city.



Paris

The Modern Languages department will be running their traditional trip to Paris during the last week of term. We will see the Eiffel Tower, Sacré Coeur and l'Arc de Triomphe, as well as visiting Parc Asterix and Disneyland Paris. Let's hope the pupils are as fantastic as last years' group.

These are only a few of the many trips and excursions enjoyed by our pupils and staff this year, including football trips, music excursions and trips to Iceland, Callander, The Royal Highland Show and Dalguise. Please see our twitter feed for more information and photos.

ART NEWS

Glasgow Museums Art Competition

A group of talented artists from St Modan's High School took part in the prestigious "Art Galleries and Museums Art Competition" in Glasgow. The young people who took part enjoyed the opportunity to see the amazing collections in our national galleries and enjoy a morning of drawing directly from source. The judging has now taken place and we are delighted to say that we have some winners!

Louise McColl gained a Commended Award, **Jamie Haythorpe and Mique Burgoyne** achieved Highly Commended Awards.

Bryony Cook, Ellie Logan and Aimee Finlay all won Silver Medals.

The certificates will be mailed to the school for Louise, Jamie and Mique. Silver medallists will receive invitations to attend an inspirational prize giving in the Kelvingrove Galleries. They can bring an invited guest (or even invite their art teachers!)





PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Thanks to everyone who entered our school Photography Competition this year. The photographs were beautiful, humorous, thoughtful and creative. It was difficult to judge. Eventually the three judges decided that the prizes would be awarded to:

Junior Category

Harry Wilson – Magic Moment

Aiden McAvinney – Creative Composition

Molly Kelly – Merit Award

Caitlin Gillespie – Merit Award

Senior Category

Lauren Irwin – Magic Moment

James Hill – Creative Composition

The overall winner of the Photography Competition is Harry Wilson who produced a magnificent set of photographs. Congratulations!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The very high standard maintained by the school with regards to uniform directly impacts on the positive learning environment and aspirations of our young people and on this there is no compromise. From August, items of non-uniform will be removed and where necessary parents will be contacted so that pupils can go home and change. Over the past few weeks a small number of pupils arrived to school wearing garments which do not meet the high standards of our School uniform – in particular leggings, trainers, short lycra skirts, black jeans and outdoor jackets other than the school one. We need YOUR support to ensure this does not continue into the new session. Parents are asked to check uniforms before

children leave home to ensure that full school uniform is worn. Your support is hugely appreciated in this regard. Please contact the school in advance if uniform is likely to be an issue for your son/daughter when returning in August.

Please note that our Uniform Supplier is **Scotcrest, Alva**.

You can order uniforms in 3 easy ways:

1. Place your order through the website or
2. Phone your order to 01259 761827 (card payments will be taken at time of order) or
3. Come along to our shop at: West Stirling Street, Alva FK12 5EN and take your garments from stock



OUR AUTISM PROVISION HITS CALLANDER!

This year St Modan's Autism Provision stayed close to Stirling for their annual residential adventure. This allowed them to take a larger group, including some of the less confident pupils who had never been away from home at all, as well as some others who travelled up to join the group each day. They stayed at the Trossachs Tryst Hostel, just outside Callander, which is run by FABB (Facilitating Access, Breaking Barriers) and which was perfect for the group. FABB also supported them out cycling through their organisation Blazing Saddles, which provides accessible bikes and trikes. The weather was mixed but the kids were planning to get very wet anyway, gorge walking and kayaking, with Active Stirling, so they didn't care. The last day was spent at Blair Drummond Safari Park where they were stranded for half an hour in the new Monkey Enclosure while 3 or 4 of the cheeky things ran around fighting on the roof of the minibus - all very exciting and a fitting end to a very successful trip.



OTHER AUTISM PROVISION NEWS

In December the Autism Provision was successful in its application to Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. They plan to work with other local schools' ASN departments to set up and maintain a Tiny Farm to grow produce that will eventually be donated to local food banks and the Sunlite Cafe in the Cowane Centre as well as for use in their own Home Economics classes. As yet there is nothing growing in the farm but there is a fence, a building and enough scaffolding boards to build 20 raised beds so it's looking good for autumn planting.

The Autism Provision Robotics Club took part in one of the Scottish heats of the EEP Robotics Space Challenge recently and were thrilled to win the Teamwork Cup as well as Third Place overall. The challenge involved building a Lego robot and programming it to complete several space station missions - all serious yet exciting stuff and the team thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Every Wednesday the Tolbooth send Stuart and Marco to St. Modan's to lead a small music group. Together the group have been writing songs and they were invited recently to visit the Tolbooth in order to record three of their own compositions. Everyone was very impressed by the professional recording studio and sound desk and they are looking forward to getting their own CDs very soon.

CHAPLAINCY UPDATE

The Chaplaincy team and RE Department have worked hard this year to ensure all Liturgical events are well prepared and run as smoothly as possible.

A number of events took place over the course of the year. These have included:-

- Friday morning Mass
- During Advent and Lent we ran three morning Masses a week. Thank you to Fr Andrew, Fr Mike and Fr Michael from our local parishes who supported us with this timetable of Masses
- We introduced Penitential Services for all S1 and S3 this year. We were pleased to be able to offer Confessions afterwards
- Parents/Carers were invited to 'SQA Mass for Success' this year. Thank you to those who were able to join us
- The new S6 Leadership Team enjoyed a Retreat to Carfin (June 2017)
- We were delighted to have commissioned five new Eucharistic Ministers

These were just some of the events that took place, in addition to all the work towards our school charities. We look forward to developing further over the course of next session with our new S6 Chaplaincy Team. .

Next year our new S6 Chaplaincy Team will be:-

Ellie Kane, Benjamin Kessack-Morrison, Hamish Gornall, Olivia Grant, Sophie Petale, Olivia Tortalano, Elly Michels, Joanne Gilvear, Marissa Tobin, Niamh Hardie and Jamie Noble.

They will take on a variety of leadership roles within Chaplaincy.



Feast Day Celebrations

We also coordinated a wonderful celebration of Mass this year for a Feast Day in February. It was wonderful to welcome Archbishop Cushley and a number of invited guests to our school to join in our whole school Mass.



OUR NEW HOUSE STRUCTURE

Pupil Support and Development Update

New Houses

Session 2016-17 saw the introduction of our new House system. Some might say our 'old' House system as, following a pupil and staff vote, we opted to use our traditional House names: Rosneath, Ardchattan and Kilmodan. These names, all associated with the life and times of St Modan, will be familiar to many of our parents and grandparents.

With this change in structure came three Heads of House (previously known as Principal Teachers of PSD).

Rosneath House: Mrs McGeehan

Ardchattan House: Mr Paoli

Kilmodan House: Miss Sinclair (Acting)

The new structure offered opportunities for pupils to take on more leadership roles within school. We introduced six House Captains (two per House) from the Senior School and then an Inter-House representation from each class. This year this group had an opportunity to undertake training and group work with WE.org. This proved a beneficial opportunity for all involved.



Inter-House Competition

Led by Mr Johnstone in the PE Department, a number of Inter-House competitions were introduced this year and SMART afternoons were used to hold a number of events both sporting and creative.

In addition, the S6 Sports' Leaders organised and hosted an Inter-House tournament for S1 pupils that ran over two weeks at lunchtimes. It was great to see pupils committing their time, effort and energy to represent their House and win points.

Staff also joined in the House fun with a staff 'Great Bake Off' event over one of the lunchtimes on the in-set days. No surprise that Miss Robertson (HE Teacher) came in first for Ardchattan with a chocolate delight!

Session 2017-18

Although Ardchattan topped the points table this year, we know the House structure is in its infancy and we have lots more potential to develop a wonderful system over the coming years. We are certainly off to a good start for this coming year with House Captains already elected and House points bagged from the S5 Conference Day.



From August, we will also be issuing House badges that reflect the House colours to build up our House identity.

Rosneath: Blue

Ardchattan: Red

Kilmodan: Green

DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE

Young Enterprise



This is the second year that St Modan's have a Young Enterprise Scotland team. "Made for You" designed, made and marketed their quality product "Glimmer Glasses" which they sold at a number of Trade Fairs at the Thistle Centre. The team managed to put their marketing and selling techniques to the test and made a healthy profit at the end of the year. The Young Enterprise experience helped pupils develop many transferable skills including confidence, creativity and team working skills.

ACE Programme

During study leave many S4 pupils improved their employability skills by completing a range of activities. They started off the week by volunteering in the autism base by painting benches to be used on the Farm. They challenged themselves to new heights by trying rock climbing and hill walking, and improved their cookery skills with Mr Murray. The

Army put them through their paces when they took part in exercises to develop their team working and communication skills. They even managed to achieve a certificate in Emergency First Aid! A good few weeks was had by all.

FAST Group

The Future Apprentices of St Modan's High School have been working with a number of employers throughout the year to improve their CV's and interview/Assessment Centre skills. Some of the employers who have been working with the FAST group include: SEPA, Robertson, Rainbow Rooms, IFDS, Youtrain, Diageo, CITB and FES. Many of the FAST group had the opportunity to go work experience throughout the year include 6 pupils who went to IFDS for the week.

This year has been a big success with many of our pupils having secured an apprenticeship already. Pupils had an excellent experience and are now better equipped to begin the application process and successfully secure an apprenticeship in the future.

SPORTING SUCCESS

This academic year has seen record numbers of pupils involved in lunch time and after school clubs within the school, as well as huge number representing the school in local and national sporting events.

A number of pupils have been involved at the top level within their sport in both school and National level.

Carly McNab has enjoyed another fantastic year in Karate, becoming British Champion, Scottish Champion and Scottish International Open Champion. Carly has also competed in international competitions, including Denmark and Sweden, where she has increased her medal tally with a view of getting a place in the Karate World Championships later in the year. Carly is currently at the WKF World Youth Cup training camp in Croatia. Congratulations to Carly on her continued success. In athletics Katie Sharkey was indoor Scottish champion for the 60m hurdles and runner up in the outdoor national event. Katie's talent has been recognised with her selection to attend an elite training camp in Ireland this summer. Ruairidh Elder is another athlete who has had a fantastic year culminating in a personal best and a bronze medal in 800m in the recent Scottish championships. Ronan Fallens also received international recognition, winning 3 caps for the Scotland schoolboys U18 football team, where he played against Australia, Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland. In ten Pin Bowling Daniel Addison and Matthew Crossan represented Scotland in the European Youth Championships in Helsinki.



OTHER SPORTING SUCCESS

Pupils have also been involved in a wide range of other events

Tennis: Andy Murray master class training day

Badminton: 40 pupils took part in Stirling Schools Championships

Rugby: regular training and S1 playing their first tournament at Stirling County

Basketball: Junior & senior teams in the Stirling schools championship

Cross Country: 16 pupils in Stirling Schools Championships

Athletics: 23 strong team took part in the Active Stirling T

& F- Medals for Neil Casserly - 2 gold, Ruaraidh Elder - 2 gold, Cameryn Dick -Silver, Kyle Howie – Bronze

Swimming: 6 pupils competed in the Forth Valley Schools Swimming Championships

Dance: Seniors 2nd place at Forth Valley School Dance Championships, Juniors 3rd in Small groups in FVSDC

Gymnastics: Team of Megan McGill, Luisa Tortolano and Amy Dawson qualified for Scottish Gymnastics finals

Gymfest: 13 pupils attended and performed at the event in Perth

Taekwondo: Rachel Burns S2 who won Gold at Ravenscraig Taekwondo for 'Flying

High' and Silver for 'Sparring'



The broad range of experiences would not be possible without the time and commitment of not only a wide range of staff across the school, but also from our outstanding group of S6 sports leaders. These young people were involved in virtually every event listed above, as well working with our partner primaries, through transition activities, regular visits and assistance at recent sports days. These experiences have helped to enhance their own development but also help younger pupils develop from positive experiences through sport.

PRIMARY ENGINEERS 2017

We were delighted to hold the final of Stirling's Primary Engineering Project at St Modan's HS on 10th May. The day was facilitated by the Primary Engineers Group and consisted of a number of tests on the vehicles made by primary pupils leading up the event - including a ramp and straight line challenge. In addition, pupils had to articulate what they have learned as part of the engineering project they had been involved in. The winning team was from St Margaret's Primary School, Cowie, with St Bernadette's PS, Tullibody in 2nd place. Following the competition, the pupils were led in a technology challenge by Miss Gibson from the Maths and Technology Department at St Modan's. It was a fun and interactive event for all involved.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (DofE), is a programme of activities that can be undertaken between the ages of 14 to 25. The concept of the DofE is that anyone aged between 14 and 25 can do a programme at one of three progressive levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Participants select and set objectives in each of the following areas:

Volunteering - undertaking service to individuals or the community

Physical - improving or beginning a new sport, dance or fitness activity

Skill - developing practical and social skills and personal interests

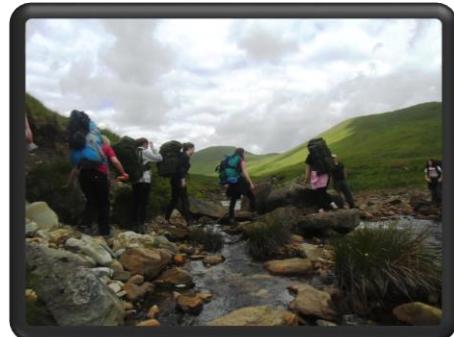
Expedition - planning, training for and completion of an adventurous journey

(Candidates complete their Expeditions in Scotland)



We believe that the participation of St. Modan's pupils in the DofE programme represents an excellent way to meet the aspirations of A Curriculum for Excellence by combining personal improvement and real engagement with community and the environment. St Modan's provides exploration and expedition experiences during March, April, May and June with qualifying routes taking place in May for our Bronze candidates and again in September for our Silver participants.

This session we have almost 40 pupils participating in the DofE programme, supported by 5 members of staff and 6 parental volunteers. There are 16 pupils from S3 currently completing their Bronze award and another 14 pupils going out on their Practice Expedition this weekend. There are a further 3 pupils from S6 pupils beginning their Gold award in August another 4 pupils completing their Gold award by October. As always we are very grateful to the teaching staff and parental volunteers for their support.



S6 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our S6 council elections took place recently and we are proud to announce the results as follows...

Head Boy – **Benjamin Kessack-Morrison** Depute Head Boy – **Hamish Gornall, Stanley McDonald, Jamie Noble**

Head Girl – **Ellie Kane**

Depute Head Girl – **Niamh Hardie, Kate Lynne Lyle, Charlotte Starkey**

Huge congratulations to all. These roles carry with them a huge responsibility and all elected pupils are delighted to accept their new roles. We wish them well for S6 and know that they will all represent our school well and do us proud.

CHARITY

Lasallian Developing Worlds Projects (LDWP)



LDWP has been sending out teams of young people to help build up educational provision in more deprived parts of the world since 1985. These are mostly building projects, but with some focused on teaching and since 2003 St Modan's pupils have participated in these Projects.

This summer we have six pupils going on Project - **Sam McQuillian, Kaitlyn McPherson, Freya Settery, Lilli Schlossbach, Niamh McIver and Nicole Bell**. They will be on Project in India, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. They will be joining former pupils on these Projects as many former pupils now lead these trips.

Our pupils have to raise around £1800 each to be able to go on Project. While the school community helps with some fundraising it is families and communities out with the school who make the most significant contribution. The money raised goes towards funding the trip and buying building materials for the school buildings: classrooms, libraries, laboratories, teachers' housing etc... that are then constructed by our pupils working alongside, and being supported by, the local community.

We wish our six pupils all the best and know that they will make a difference but perhaps more importantly, a difference will be made to them. At the time of going to press we have 11 pupils interviewing for places on Project in 2018.

Race for Life

The Race for Life was held on Sunday 14th May 2017 this year and a few of our teachers (Mrs Mitchell, Miss Carr-Gomm, Miss Robertson) organised a group of girls to take part and help raise money for Cancer Research. Together they raised in the region of £1500! Well done to all the girls who put in such a great effort, they had great fun on the day.



Let the Children Live

St Modan's S1 pupils were delighted to welcome George McAleenan from the charity 'Let the Children Live' on

Thursday 12th May. Over the course of the year, S1 have been raising money for this charity that helps street children in Columbia. S1 held a sponsored silence, Easter Raffles, Sponge the Teacher event and a bake sale to raise £1,555.33. We are very proud of their efforts. Mr McAleenan expressed his gratitude after a special year group Mass and explained that the money raised would go to help these children, known as the 'disposable ones' who live on the streets in Columbia.



OTHER NEWS



Battle of Arras

Cailin Kennedy and Rachel Kennedy of S3, represented Stirling schools at Scotland's international Battle of Arras 100 year commemorations. The girls attended a commemorative service at Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery and a Beating Retreat in the Place des Héros on Sunday 9 April 2017, where they met and spoke with the First Minister. Moreover, they visited World War One battlefields, cemeteries and memorials where they reflected on the magnitude of the loss suffered during the conflict. The girls were a credit to the school and their families.

Shared Responsibility

Our S3 pupils participated in a two day Interdisciplinary Project called Shared Responsibility. This is a Colombian Government initiative that aims to raise awareness about the destruction caused to the rainforests as a result of cocaine production. On the first day our pupils developed their knowledge of Columbian language, food and culture, as well as the importance of its rainforests and the impact cocaine production has on its communities. On the second day, pupils looked at the impact of drug use on families, individuals and our own communities. They explored how to keep themselves and others safe through making informed choices. Many thanks to Police Scotland, the Scottish Ambulance Service, Signpost, Barnardos and Trading Standards for delivering workshops.

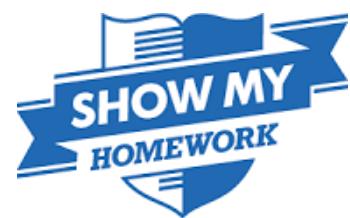


Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP)

The Parent Council and Parent Teacher Association of St Modan's High School are now one organisation known as the Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP). The PTP is the representative body made up of parents, guardians, carers and teachers and is in place to support the communication and interaction between members of the Parent Forum and the school. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend meetings and various activities and events throughout the year. If you would like to get involved in the PTP, or have any particular skills you could offer, we would love to hear from you.

Show My Homework

We are excited to be launching a **pilot** of Show My Homework, an online tool to help parents keep track of their child's homework. The pilot will run from Monday 15th May until 30th June 2017 for our current S3 pupils. We hope to extend this pilot to a whole school trial from August 2017. We will be looking for pupil, parent and teacher feedback to see if this online homework planner will be of benefit to our learners. For the next academic session, we will also provide pupils with a paper planner. Show My Homework will allow parents to see the details of the tasks their child has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status and grades. We have decided to pilot this system to improve the way we communicate with parents and give you greater visibility into the homework we set.

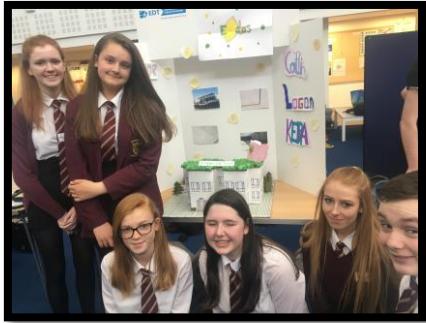


Spanish Immersion Day

In March, we welcomed P7 pupils from our Learning Community schools to take part in a Spanish immersion day. Pupils learned about traditional Spanish food, South American geography and even sang some Spanish songs. They were treated to a delicious Spanish lunch before hearing about the benefits of language learning from Mark Pentleton (Radio Lingua). A great day was had by all!



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Competition



Six S2 Pupils: **Taylor Lee, Caitlin Gillespie, Logan Smith, Wiktoria Majerowska, Nina Ksiaszczyk and Keira Gracie** took part in the Go4SET programme, a 10 week STEM competition based on the theme of sustainability.

Students researched ways to make the school more storm resistant and sustainable and compiled a report, presentation and a model. At the Celebration and Assessment Day at Fife College in Kirkcaldy, students received excellent feedback about their project and a great day was had by all.

HELP WITH COSTS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Financial support available

There is a wide range of financial help if you are on a low income and your child is at school. This includes:

- * Footwear and Clothing Grants
- * Free Schools Meals
- * Education Maintenance Allowance.

The Footwear and Clothing Grant is a one off annual payment per child towards the cost of buying essential clothing for children up to the age of 16 who attend school. Applications are open until 31st December. A short application form is required along with your most recent Tax Credit award letter.

Education Maintenance Allowance is a weekly allowance of £30 and this is paid to young people who stay in full-time education at school or college after their 16th birthday. The young person has to satisfy attendance requirements and complete a learning agreement. This is paid directly to the young person and entitlement is dependent on their parents' income.

To find out more information on all of the above and how to apply, please go online to your Council Website www.stirling.gov.uk and search for school grants. You can also phone 01786 233418 to speak to the Council's Revenue and Benefits Team.

This support is also available to families from Falkirk and Clacks by contacting council offices.

In addition, our own Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) run a Uniform Bank in school to provide parents with the opportunity to pick up free items of uniform (jackets, blazers, sweatshirts etc). Please enquire through the PTP or our main office – or check it out next time you're passing the school.

SQA EXAMINATIONS 2017

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SQA



SQA Results Day is Tuesday 8th August 2017

Good luck to all of our SQA exam candidates. We wish them all the very best for August.

MySQA for Pupils

MySQA is a web service that offers you secure and unique access to your results.

Don't wait for your results envelope to drop through the mailbox. SQA candidates should sign up to receive results by text or email. By doing so candidates are able to choose to have their results sent by e-mail or text on the morning of TUESDAY 8th AUGUST, rather than wait for the post to be delivered. Even if candidates are away from home, they won't have to wait or get someone else to open the results envelope for them. Find out how to activate an SQA account at www.mysqa.info. Registration is simple, all you need is your Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and an e-mail address. In order to receive a text and/or email with your 2017 exam results you must sign up to MySQA by 5pm on the 18 July 2017 and activate your account by 5pm on 19 July 2017.

Unexpected SQA results?

Following the publication of the SQA exam results any pupil who would like to discuss a possible change to his/her course choice for next session **must contact the school by telephone on the morning of Friday 11th August** (10am to 12.30pm) for advice from a senior member of staff. The introduction of 'free-choice' in senior school this session allowed 94% of seniors to choose their first choice and strongest subjects for next session – consequently changes to course choice should be minimal and **will be agreed only in exceptional circumstances**. Timetables are finalised during the final days of the holiday and timetables printed so any changes must be agreed before then. Please note this date in the diary.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	8th August	SQA Results arrive in homes
Friday	11th August	Senior staff in school to take calls about Course Choice (10-12.30)
Monday	21nd August	INSET Day – Teachers only
Tuesday	22rd August	Pupil return to school – 8.30am

Want More St Modan's News?

This newsletter represents only a small fraction of the activities going on in our school. If you would like to know more please log on to our website at www.stmodans.co.uk and follow us on Twitter [@StModansHS](https://twitter.com/StModansHS) to receive regular updates and information about our activities, successes and many pupil achievements.

We look forward to welcoming all our new S1 pupils in August and bid a fond farewell to all our
leavers

Have a great Summer. Happy holidays!

